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EDITOR'S NOTE: Two years ago John Pruett, Sports Editor of the Huntsville TIMES, wrote what I believe is the only comprehensive survey of the history of sporting activity in the Huntsville area. This survey appeared in twelve segments in the TIMES during May, 1977. It, in Mr. Pruett's words, "was designed to focus on the highlights of the athletic heritage of Huntsville, which has always been one of Alabama's most sports-minded cities."

Sports are a part of our lives, a most important segment of popular history, and is certainly a proper subject for study by the historian. Mr. Pruett is aware of the problems of studying history, for he warns us that"

Although the scope of the material in these stories includes the whole of the 20th century, most of the research centered on the past fifty years, primarily because records beyond that are sketchy at best. No effort was made to place each segment into a particular chronological order. Rather, most of them revolve around a particular individual - or particular individuals - and their roles.

This is good history. We hope you enjoy the series as much as we do.